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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF

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APPLICATION NO: 10/574,770

INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE: October 5, 2004

FOR: USE OF GENETIC POLYMORPHISMS THAT ASSOCIATE WITH  
EFFICACY OF TREATMENT OF INFLAMMATORY DISEASE

Commissioner for Patents  
PO Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

The Office Action of November 20, 2006 has a shortened statutory time set to expire on January 20, 2007. A one-month extension is hereby requested pursuant to 37 CFR §1.136(a).

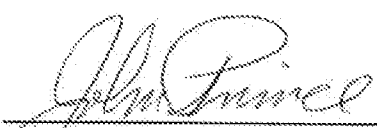
Please charge Deposit Account No. 19-0134 in the name of Novartis in the amount of \$120 for payment of the extension fee. An additional copy of this paper is here enclosed. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 CFR §1.17 which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Account No. 19-0134 in the name of Novartis.

Respectfully submitted,

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Date:

*March 13, 2007*

  
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